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FOR SCHAUFLE FROM WISNER

DEPT PASS LONDON

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR RH UK
SUBJ: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: MUZOREWA COUNTERATTACKS

1. BISHOP MUZOREWA ASKED TO MEET RICHARD AT 5 P.M.
LOCAL TIME ON NOVEMBER 26. HE HANDED RICHARD THE
FOLLOWING LETTER WHICH HE RELEASED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO
THE PRESS:

2. QUOTE MR. CHAIRMAN: (1) MY DELEGATION HAS SOUGHT
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AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO EXPRESS ITS

GRAVE CONCERN AT THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE BUSINESS OF THE CONFERENCE.

(2) IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT WE HAVE NOW SPENT OVER A MONTH IN GENEVA EITHER DISCUSSING THE QUESTION OF FIXING A DATE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE OR LITERALLY DOING NOTHING.

(3) FOR THE PAST WHOLE WEEK THE CHAIRMAN HAS NOT INFORMED MY DELEGATION ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF HOLDING EITHER A PLENARY SESSION OR BILATERAL MEETINGS.

(4) ALREADY THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO ZIMBABWE HAS BEEN DELAYED BY ONE MONTH WHILE SOME PEOPLE ARE WINING, DINING, BICKERING AND DITHERING IN EXPENSIVE, LUXURIOUS AND POSH HOTELS OF GENEVA, A CITY IN A FREE AND INDEPENDENT SWITZERLAND.

(5) IN THE MEANTIME SOME GENUINELY PURPOSE-CENTERED AND TRULY DEDICATED ZIMBABWEANS ARE FIGHTING BARE-FOOTED IN RUGGED VALLEYS AND MOUNTAINS; OTHERS ARE BEING BRUTALLY TORTURED TO DEATH; OTHERS ARE AWAITING POLITICAL TRIALS; OTHERS ARE BEING CONDEMNED TO DEATH FOR POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT; AND OTHERS CONTINUOUSLY HARASSED BY THE SMITH REGIME'S POLICE STATE APPARATUS. ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE EAGERLY AWAITING A FAVOURABLE OUTCOME OF THIS CONFERENCE. OUR CLEAR MANDATE IS THAT THIS CONFERENCE SHOULD SPEEDILY SET UP AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO BRING TO AN END THE SUFFERING AND INJUSTICE PERPETRATED AGAINST OUR PEOPLE.

(6) FOR THESE REASONS MY DELEGATION STRONGLY URGES THAT THE CHAIRMAN AND ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY EMBARK ON THE MECHANICS OF TRANSFERRING POWER FROM THE MINORITY TO THE MAJORITY IN ZIMBABWE.

(7) I REQUEST THAT HIS SUBMISSION BE PART OF THE CONFERENCE RECORD AND ALSO CIRCULATED. BISHOP A.T. MUZOREWA, PRESIDENT: AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL - ZIMBABWE. END QUOTE.

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3. MUZOREWA TOLD RICHARD THAT RICHARD SHOULD NOT READ THIS LETTER AS AN ATTACK ON RICHARD OR THE BRITISH. IT IS AN ATTEMPT TO POINT THE FINGER OF BLAME AT THOSE WHO MOST JUSTLY DESERVE TO BE IDENTIFIED. BRUNNGART. UNQUOTE ROBINSON.

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